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TO AMEMBASSY OSLO PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CAMBODIA TRIBUNAL

REF: 1) OSLO 1667; 2) OSLO 1697; 3) STATE 87518

1. DEPARTMENT CONVEYED EMBASSY'S OFFER OF PER DIEM AND
HONORARIUM DURING HIS OSLO STAY TO JOHN BARRON. BARRON
GREATLY APPRECIATES OFFER, BUT BELIEVES IT IS PREFERABLE
FOR HIM TO PAY HIS OWN WAY TO MAKE IT PLAIN HE IS EXPRESS-
ING HIS OWN PRIVATE VIEWS. BARRON DID ASK IF EMBASSY OSLO
COULD CHECK WITH TRIBUNAL ORGANIZERS TO ASK THEM TO LET
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HIM KNOW IF HE SHOULD MAKE HIS OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND
AIRPLANE RESERVATIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL APRIL 10 FROM LEO
CHERNE, CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, EXECU-
TIVE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, AND FORMER
HEAD OF FREEDOM HOUSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS PANEL

WITNESS AT OSLO TRIBUNAL, ALONG WITH ROBERT DEVECCHI (SEE REF 3). CHERNE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH CAMBODIAN SITUATION SINCE 1975 WHEN HE WAS AUTHOR OF FREEDOM HOUSE REQUEST TO ICRC AND UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO LOOK INTO CAMBODIAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. ALTHOUGH CHERNE IS CHAIRMAN OF IRC, HE IS OFFERING TO APPEAR AS WITNESS IN HIS CAPACITY AS

HEAD OF INDEPENDENT CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON INDOCHINA REFUGEES WHICH HAS JUST RETURNED FROM EXTENSIVE EXAMINATION OF REFUGEE SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, INCLUDING CAMBODIAN SITUATION.

3. ACTION REQUEST: THAT EMBASSY CONVEY TO CAMBODIA TRIBUNAL ORGANIZERS CHERNE'S OFFER TO APPEAR AS WITNESS AND LET DEPARTMENT KNOW IF TRIBUNAL INTENDS TO INVITE HIM OR DEVECCHI AS WITNESSES. IF THEY ARE NOT INVITED AS WITNESSES, WE UNDERSTAND DEVECCHI (BUT NOT CHERNE) WOULD STILL LIKE TO ATTEND TRIBUNAL MEETINGS IF THIS IS POSSIBLE. CHERNE ALSO STATED HE WOULD CABLE COMMITTEE ORGANIZERS DIRECTLY ON THIS SUBJECT. VANCE

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